

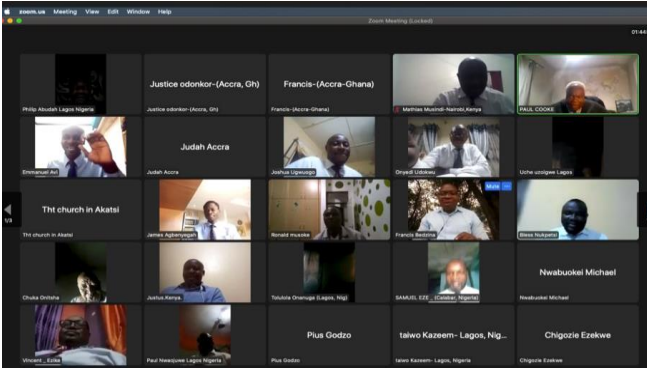


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EAST AND WEST AFRICA BROTHERS TRAINING

This training began on 28 December 2020 and ended on 19 November 2022. Thanks to the popular use of video platforms during the Covid-19 pandemic, elders and responsible brothers from 11 East and West African countries participated in the training, with an average attendance of 142 brothers in each session. It was conducted once every two months, in both English and French. The sessions began with messages from the book *Lessons on Eldership*, followed by blending in small groups.



Most brothers who participated in the training confessed that even though they had read through the book individually, coming together to enjoy it corporately, as well as listening to the brothers' speaking, brought more light on the messages. It was a period of rich dispensing and perfecting in life. Most brothers realized the need for more training and also the need for the most qualified and unique Elder to serve us before we can serve the church. We are so thankful to the Lord and to the speaking brothers for making time in their busy schedules to be used as channels of rich supply to us. May this wonderful training bring more blessings to the churches and open the door for more training to equip the elders and responsible brothers for their going on in the Lord's Recovery!

WEST AFRICA

NIGERIA



No. of localities: 16
 No. of saints in church life: 850
 No. of saints attending the Table meeting: 750

Resumption of Physical Conferences



Conference in Lagos, Nigeria, 23-26 December 2022

After a break of three years due to the pandemic, praise the Lord for restoring our physical conference in December 2022! It was a precious time of blending and reunion for the saints. The general subject was "Loving the Lord and Loving One Another for the Organic Building Up of the Church as the Body of Christ". 338 saints from various localities in Nigeria and 18 saints from the Benin Republic participated in the conference.

The physical young people's conference was held right after the blending conference. Those in attendance included young people from junior high as well as young adults. The subject of the conference was "A Vision and Work that Accomplishes God's Eternal Purpose". The speaking was timely and refreshing, and the young people thoroughly enjoyed this long awaited time. We pray that the Lord will restore all our physical trainings and conferences for more blending to bring forth the reality of the Body of Christ. Amen!

NIGERIA (Continued)

Full-Time Training

In the fall of 2020 three trainees from Lagos enrolled in the Full-Time Training Addis Ababa (FTTAA) but they were unable to go to Ethiopia to join the training physically due to Covid-related travel restrictions. They managed, however, to join the training through online platforms first from Nigeria. Then in 2021 they travelled to Ghana and joined with five other West African trainees to participate in the FTTAA program in a facility in Accra. The way was eventually opened in early 2022 for them to travel to Addis Ababa for the full experience of the training. Three more new trainees from Nigeria also went to Ethiopia and joined the FTTAA physically during this time. The first batch of three Nigerian trainees graduated in June 2022. They are now serving full-time along with two other full-time serving ones in Nigeria. We praise the Lord for strengthening these young serving ones through the difficult times for His eternal purpose!



GHANA

No. of localities: 29

No. of saints in church life: 1569

No. of saints attending the Table meeting: 758

Resumption of Physical Conferences in December 2022

Prior to the Covid-19 pandemic, two national blending conferences were held physically in Ghana each year, in April and December respectively, and they were always a big feast for the saints. The saints in Ghana have been praying for and anticipating the resumption of the physical blending conferences.

From 23 to 25 December 2022, the first National Blending Conference was held physically after the pandemic. For this feast, 312 saints from 24 localities in Ghana and 10 saints from Togo registered, and on Lord's Day 350 saints and 120 children were in attendance. In order to care for the saints who could not attend the December Conference physically, there was a re-speaking of the messages in clustered blending meetings on 26 February 2023 at 5 locations across the country. Over 600 saints and over 330 children participated in these clustered blendings.

The subject was on "Loving the Lord and Loving One Another for the Organic Building Up of the Church as the Body of Christ". The saints were helped to have a turn from their natural understanding of love. They realized that the Lord is calling us to be brought back to our best love to do the first work and to shepherd one another in love.

The Young People's Conference was held from 21 to 23 December prior to the National Conference. The general subject was "The Secret of the Reigning Life of Joseph". The outlines were the same as those used for the European Young People's Conference 2022. The young people were helped to appreciate the need to see a vision and to live and practise what we have seen, and more so, to speak what we have seen to everyone. Also, they were helped to appreciate the matter of learning how to enjoy our time of confinement and restriction.



On the last day of the Young People's Conference, more than a third of the young people (i.e., 56 out of 152) were baptized. Praise the Lord! Our prayer is that these young people will not be left alone, but that the Lord Himself will raise up many nursing mothers and exhorting fathers in their localities who will shepherd them according to God's heart.

National Blending Conference in April 2023

From 7 to 9 April 2023 the Lord sovereignly gathered the saints from 34 localities at the Bunso Cocoa College, about 100 km north of Accra. 397 saints registered to attend the physical conference, including 80 children. Some brothers from the U.S.A., the U.K., Nigeria and Benin also joined us physically. Over 100 saints participated online, including some from Cameroon, Benin and Nigeria.

It was a time of His rich speaking and dispensing to prepare the saints to make themselves ready for His coming. The five messages spoken could be encapsulated in the following five words “Love, Life, Light, Serve and Feed”. The conference provided much opportunity for the saints to properly exercise their spirits to pray-read and muse upon verses, and to sing and praise the Lord corporately. On the Lord's Day, the final day, all the saints witnessed and enjoyed a splendid table meeting. The Conference was concluded by the saints prophesying, amidst hymn-singing in some local dialects.

